Supply of Coal to UKAI TPS

3157. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State Electricity Board has represented to supply 2 lakh MT coal to Ukai TPS from WCL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that linkage committee cleared this proposal but the railway officers are not agreeing to it though the railway's one member is a member of the linkage Committee; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. The Standing Linkage Committee, during its meeting in December' 2000 did not approve supply of two lakh tonnes of coal from Western Coalfield Ltd. to Ukai for the quarter January-March, 2001. However, during January, 2001 Chairman of the Standing Linkage Committee, agreed for revision of linkage for Ukai thermal power station and a letter was issued for additional 50,000 tonnes per month from Western Coalfield Ltd. without the consent of the Railways. As this revision in linkage was not issued with the approval of the linkage committee (which includes representatives from Railways) and it had adverse financial implications for the Railways, Ministry of Railways did not agree for the same.

Construction of over-bridges at Hafeezpet and Bollaram

3158. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to integrate two MoUs into one for construction of over-bridges at Hafeezpet and Bollaram as construction of one over-bridge was given to a private company;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued necessary orders in this regard; and

(c) by when the construction work is expected to be taken up and the over-bridges completed for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The work of Road Over Bridge at Hafeezpet has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis. No proposal has been received from the State Govt. for construction of Road Over Bridge at Bollaram station.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For Hafeezpet Road Over Bridge, drawings have been sent to State Government for approval and detailed estimate is under preparation. The work will be taken up after approval of drawings, sanction of the estimate and start of the work on approaches by State Government.

Expenditure in various Departments of Railways

3159. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure incurred on general administration, railway operation, railway maintenance, production regarding Railways and other social obligation during 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): For grouping Working Expenses on Railways, the term Production regarding Railways & Other Social obligation is not used, the corresponding term appropriate for the purpose is Staff welfare, Retirement Benefits &